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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EX PARTE**  
IB Docket No. 01-185; ET Docket No. 00-258

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 24, 2002, representatives of ICO Global Communications (Holdings) Ltd. ("ICO"), Gerry Salemme, Larry Williams, Suzanne Hutchings and the undersigned, met with Don Abelson, chief of the International Bureau, and Chris Murphy, Breck Blalock, Sasha Fields, Karl Kensinger and Howard Griboff, all of the International Bureau.

We reviewed the status of the ancillary terrestrial component ("ATC") proceeding and focused on gating factors that could be implemented to ensure that mobile satellite providers' use of terrestrial service remains ancillary to their satellite operations. We noted that the gating factors proposed in the ATC notice of proposed rulemaking were fully adequate to ensure ancillary use of terrestrial operations but noted that additional geographic, operational or financial gating factors that provide positive incentives to MSS operators also could be considered. We also discussed MSS providers' spectrum requirements.

We stressed that an expeditious decision in this matter is critical if ICO is to have an opportunity to finance its satellite system in this economic climate.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Cheryl A. Tritt  
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